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For: GENE PARTICIPATING IN ACETIC ACID TOLERANCE, ACETIC ACID  
BACTERIA BRED USING THE GENE, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
VINEGAR WITH THE USE OF ACETIC ACID BACTERIA

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS  
FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR  
AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated May 29, 2007, the applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including an amended drawing figure is attached following page 5 of this paper.